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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the  
Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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SUBJECT: Approved Amendments to Section 80499 of Title 5, California  
Code of Regulations, Pertaining to Requirements for Adding an  
Authorization to a Credential

The Office of Administrative Law approved the amendments to Title 5, §80499 pertaining to requirements for adding a multiple or single subject teaching authorization to a credential. A copy of the amended regulation, which becomes effective January 23, 1997, is attached. The major changes are as follows:

- Redefine the Prerequisite Credential: Clear full-time designated subjects teaching credentials are no longer acceptable as prerequisite credentials for the purposes of adding a multiple or single subject teaching authorization.
- Define the "Holder of a Valid Credential": The regulation no longer requires individuals to possess the prerequisite credential, but they must be *eligible* for it. An example of this is an individual who has an expired two-year preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Science and was required to complete a course in reading methods and verify subject matter competency. She has now completed both of these requirements and, in addition, has passed the MSAT. She will not need to renew her Single Subject Credential to obtain the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.
- Pre-Ryan Credential Holders: Individuals who hold the appropriate pre-Ryan credential and who have completed a fifth year of study may obtain a clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential by satisfying the appropriate subject matter competence only. Those who have not completed the fifth year of study may satisfy the

appropriate subject matter requirement and obtain a five-year preliminary credential. They must then complete an approved fifth year of study to obtain the clear credential.

- Ryan Credential Holders

*Clear, Professional Clear, and Life Ryan Credential Holders*

Individuals who hold the appropriate clear, professional clear, or life Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential may change authorization levels or add subjects by satisfying subject matter competence only. The added authorization will be issued as a clear or professional clear credential, based on the term of the prerequisite credential.

*Preliminary Ryan Credential Holders*

Holders of preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Credentials must verify subject matter competence in the requested area, and complete the reading methods and United States Constitution requirements. After obtaining the preliminary added authorization, these individuals will need to complete all requirements for the professional clear credential.

Division VIII of Title 5  
California Code of Regulations

Final Amendments of Section 80499  
Pertaining to Requirements for Adding an Authorization to a Credential

Section 80499. Requirements for Adding An Authorization to a Credential.

- (a) A qualified applicant who holds a teaching credential as described in (b) and desires an additional authorization may apply for the authorization by recommendation of an institution approved by the Commission to recommend for the authorization, or may apply directly to the Commission pursuant to (c), (d), (e) or (f) below.
- (b) The following definitions apply only to §80499. A "qualified applicant" is defined as a holder of a valid credential that meets the definition of a "basic teaching credential" pursuant to Education Code §44203(e)(1) only. The "holder of a valid credential" is defined as an individual who either possesses or is academically eligible for the appropriate basic teaching credential.
- (c) A qualified applicant holding a valid clear, life or professional clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a multiple or single subject teaching authorization when the holder has verified subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program. The applicant will be granted a clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization if the credential held is a clear or life. The applicant will be granted a professional clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization if the credential held is a professional clear.

- (d) A qualified applicant holding a valid preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching authorization when the holder has verified successful completion of (1), (2), and (3) below:
- (1) Subject matter knowledge in the requested area by either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program.
  - (2) Study of alternative methods of developing English language skills, including reading, among all pupils, including those for whom English is a second language, in accordance with the commission's standards of program quality and effectiveness. A program for the multiple subjects credential also shall include the study of integrated methods of teaching language arts. If the applicant has previously verified the knowledge of teaching reading to obtain a Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential, then they have satisfied this requirement.
  - (3) Demonstration of a knowledge of the principles and provisions of the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Education Code Section 44335.

Upon completion of all requirements for the professional clear credential as specified in Education Code, Section 44259(c), the qualified applicant may be granted a professional clear single or multiple subject teaching authorization.

- (e) A qualified applicant holding a valid teaching credential obtained prior to January 1, 1974, who has completed a fifth year program after earning a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution may obtain a clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization by verifying subject matter knowledge in the requested area. Subject matter knowledge can be verified by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program.
- (f) A qualified applicant holding a valid teaching credential obtained prior to January 1, 1974, but who has not yet completed a fifth year program after earning a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution, may obtain a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching authorization when the holder has verified subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program. Upon completion of a fifth year program including the recommendation of a Commission-approved institution, the qualified applicant may be granted a clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization.
- (g) When a teacher is assigned outside his or her grade level or subject-matter authorization, opportunities for the teacher to have available transitional supervision or training shall be provided as deemed appropriate by the district or county superintendent.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Section 44225(e) and 44259, Education Code.